Hixburg

Hixburg, Jan. 23.- The January W. M. U. meeting was held Thursday afternoon in the home of the president.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Corner and son spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marshall.

Mrs. H. M. Marshall, who has been sick, is improving.

Mrs. R. D. Sears visited Sunday in the home of E. P. Sears.

E. H. Carson and daughter, Jessie, spent last weekend in Lynchburg with Mrs. Nelson Hix.

Mrs. J. T. Hix attended the W. M. U. Executive Board meeting in Farmville yesterday. Mrs. E. W. Gilliam spent the day with Mrs. Joel Watkins. They visited Mrs. Mrs. C. B. Carson in Prospect, on their way home.

E. P. Sears and Gene Sears spent Sunday afternoon with J. R. Marshall.

Mrs. J. R. Marshall called on Mrs. H. M. Marshall and Miss Mag Hix Monday P. M.

Friends were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. George Webb Friday. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon, at Appomattox by her pastor, Rev. J. Howard Macrae.

War prisoner eludes guards near Danville.

Pamplin

Pamplin, Jan. 24.- Miss Mary Rives Black, of Richmond spent last weekend with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black. She had as her guests Miss Irene Francis, of Richmond and Miss Willidine Gibler, of Durant, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Clark, of Russell County is visiting her sister, Mrs. Martha Foster.

Mrs. Mildred Inge and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge visited in the home of Mrs. L. M. Southall.

Mrs. N. L. McClenny is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Miller, of Newport News.

Mrs. Edward Davis was a visitor of her brothers, A. M. and G. Wood of Worsham Monday. Mrs. Davis received word Monday that her brother, Tredmar L. Wood, was seriously wounded January 5.

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Travel by Ship In Postwar Era

Survey Forecasts Trend to Sea Voyages; Boats of U. S. Preferred.

NEW YORK—A survey of postwar travel, based on expressed plans of thousands of individuals, showed that only 25.09 per cent of the queried persons intend to travel for business, while the remainder will travel for pleasure, according to the forthcoming issue of Ships, publication of the Shipbuilders Council of America.

In rebuttal of pessimistic viewpoints expressed with regard to the part steamships will play in the postwar era, the magazine said 60.64 per cent had expressed the desire to travel exclusively by ships. Slightly more than 12½ per cent indicated a preference for a combination trip using ships and planes, and the rest, approximately 6½ per cent, said they would travel both ways by air.

Reporting a sharp and dramatic swing toward an increased use of American ships, the survey asserted that more than 65 per cent of the replies showed a marked preference for them. The remainder were made up largely of persons who had never traveled on any but foreign-flag vessels, and based their preference on what they believed to be a superiority of food and service. Some said that they wanted to travel on foreign ships because of the novelty.

A Fair Sample Survey.

The council said its survey was "completely factual, comprehensive and indisputable, with no element of guesswork because it was based on expressed plans." An official of the organization declared that the response was "volume beyond expectation," with replies from every state but Wyoming—even from Canada, Hawaii and Alaska.

Replies were received from the largest cities in the United States, from the small towns and points between.

A summarized version of the survey shows that English and channel ports, the east coast of South America, the West Indies and the Pacific Islands are the leaders among the favorite travel spots of the future for Americans.

The list of points of destination and percentage preferences, according to areas, shows: 21.57 per cent plan to travel to England and channel ports, 11.18 per cent to the Mediterranean, 5.63 to Baltic ports, 12.99 to the east coast of South America and 9.07 to its west coast, 7.47 to west coast of the United States via the Panama Canal, 8 per cent to the Far East, China and Australia, 11.31 per cent to Hawaii and other Pacific islands, 10.91 per cent to Cuba and the Caribbean and 1.67 per cent to other places.

No Data on Old Preferences.

"No data appears to be available as to the prewar travel preferences of Americans. It is believed, however that foreign ships enjoyed a much greater volume of our American traveler's money than is shown by the survey. Some estimates, from semi-official quarters, are as high as 92.1 per cent on the North Atlantic run in one typical year.

"Taken aside from those in the armed forces, few, has been denied Americans during the duration of the war. Thousands of Americans are tired, hungry for rest, the relaxation and change of scene that only an ocean voyage can give them.

"The majority preference for American ships is a wholesome trend. It should be encouraging to the large and well-managed American shipping interests who are looking to the future. It should likewise stimulate the United States maritime commission who have worked hard and intelligently for this result. It should give congress ample and satisfying assurance that there is a national demand for an American merchant marine, second to none."

Food by Force for Heads Of Doukhobors in Fast

NELSON, B. C. — Provincial authorities have intervened in the hunger strike of Doukhobors in Chesitova, B. C., ordering the forcible feeding of the strike leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Importerty Tamein on the 25th day of their self-imposed fast. It was reported recently.

The couple was reported to be showing "improvement." Twenty other Doukhobors were said to "have gone back to their normal way of life" after a 24-hour fast.

The Doukhobors, members of a sect notorious for nude protest parades, began the hunger strike to obtain release from jail of 30 members locked up for demonstrations against Canadian draft regulations.

Filipino Pupils Learn to Sing 'God Bless America'

PANAUAN, LEYTE, P. I.—Filipino grade school children began learning the words to "God Bless America" as the first school opened in liberated territory. The little tots repeated the words in unison, line for line after their Filipino woman teacher.

It was the first time [illegible] allowed to speak of America by since the Japanese took over two years ago.

Gladstone

Gladstone, Jan. 20.- Mrs. C. W. Meburrin and son, Cary Meburrin, are spending several weeks in Portsmouth and Richmond.

Mrs. Forest T. Banton was hostess to the Methodist Society of Christian Service at her home on [illegible]day. Mrs. James Sites presented the program.

Misses Lois Kimmbleton and Vivian Thomas, of Clifton Forge are spending this week with Mrs. S. H. Tomas and her family.

Mrs. W. B. Taylor is visiting relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. Julian Parrish and daughter are spending several weeks visiting her husband's relatives in Arlington.

British armies are closing in on Mandalay.

Appomattox is a good market for your country produce.

Goose shoot inaugurated Saturday for fourth term.

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The new Automobile Safety Responsibility Law is now in Full Effect
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FATHER DARKLEAF

By The Editor

There are two subjects on everyone's mind at the moment: this cold weather here at home, and "how near Berlin are the Russians?"

As for the weather, 'twas downright chilly here this dawning-the thermometer hovering around eleven. Lots of pipes froze. The forecasters continued fair and cold, with no sign of a let-up until late Friday.

As for the Russians: you can change it from "here'll be a hot time in the town of Berlin," to "There is a hot time in the town of Berlin, 'Cause the Reds are marching in!"

As we go to press, the Russians are at the Oder river, 41 miles from Berlin! If they get across the Oder directly opposite Berlin, say by the week-end, we venture out on a limb to say that the war with Germany will be over in FEBRUARY!

Germany figures on losing everything west of the Rhine and east of the Oder at the peace table, anyway. Once those lines are crossed, in force, the jig is up. This stuff of "fighting to the last man" is just that: stuff. Not even the Confederacy did that.

We understand that about 2,500 pounds of scrap paper was collected here in the drive last week.

Some wag suggests that the next war bond drive be conducted from under the counter, with the word passed around that they are hard to get.

Thank goodness, hot coffee isn't on the ration list.

A soldier wants to know, we hear, which would be more interesting: the private life of a general, or the general life of a private!

Meeting of U. D. C.

The January meeting of the Appomattox Chapter U. D. C., with Miss M. Anna Jones as hostess, was well attended. Mrs. L. Crawley served her first time as treasurer, successor to Mrs. L. J. Morris, resigned. There was a splendid business session and several visitors and honorary members were present.

Mrs. L. Crawley gave an interesting paper on Matthew Fontaine Maury; and Mr. N. R. Featherston, county historian, gave a full paper on Gen. Stonewall Jackson; and his political history of Col. Thos. S. Bocock, speaker of the Confederate House for four years, was read by the president, who is emphasizing the local history of the Confederacy. Mrs. S. M. Thornton will give in the future a sketch of the Mc-Deasmon family; Mrs. Ola Patterson will give the part the Torrences and Patterson played in the making of Appomattox County.

The February meeting will be held the third Thursday at 3:30 P. M. Mesdames C. F. James and L. Crawley will be hostesses and leaders of the program: Mrs. R. C. Moore, the Cabinet; Mrs. J. A. Burke, Diplomatic History of the Confederate States: Alexander Stephens and the Hampton Roads Conference, 1865.

SELECTIVE SERVICE HAS HARD TASK

The local boards of the Selective Service System are now faced with the most difficult and important task in the period just ahead that has yet been encountered. As in the past, the armed forces must be furnished with the number of men needed, and at the same time war production must be assured.

A glance at the statistical digest for Virginia will show that as of December 31, 1944, Virginia has furnished to the armed forces 220,781 men, or 44.57 per cent of all registrants ages 18 through 37.

The total number of registrants selected for military service has been 132,177 men, or 26.59 per cent. Thus a total of 352,958 registrants, or 71.16 per cent of all registrants in the age group 18 through 37, have been presented for induction and either accepted for military service or rejected as not suitable.

Of the remaining 144,029, or 28.64 per cent, who are now in Class I-A or in deferred classifications only approximately 61,000 are under 26 years of age and the remaining 83,000 are 26 through 37.

NEWS OF OUR MEN IN SERVICE

Fort Benning, Ga. (Special to Times-Virginian)- Pvt. James E. Langran, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Langran, formerly of Appomattox, has won the right to wear the "Boots and Wings" of the United States Army Para roops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

Cpl. Raymond Q. Adams was awarded the Purple Heart recently. He was wounded in France during October and is still recupera ing in a hospital in England.

Pfc. James Terry Rogers, who has been in France for the past few months, was transferred to a hospital in England recently, due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Durie and family received letters from their son, Pvt. Robert Durie last week, the first time they had heard from him since November, when he wrote from Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Perdeu, formerly of this county, have been informed that their son, Pvt. Clarence Perdeu has received the Medal of Honor for his active performance of duty against the enemy on Bougainville Island. He was a motor gunner in a veteran infantry regiment.

HEAR FROM APPOMATTOX LIEUTENANT IN GERMANY AS PRISONER OF WAR

Mrs. L. H. Childers has received a letter from her son, Lt. Leonard H. Childers, Jr., who is a prisoner of war, in Germany. The letter, dated October 30, 1944, said that he has well and getting along alright. He said that he has made several new friends, and met some that he knew before he was taken prisoner by the Germans when his plane was shot down over France, August 13, 1944.

R. B. Hudgins, Jr., U. S. Navy, stationed in Maryland, was home last week-end.

Cpl. Thomas Smith, who is stationed in Netherlands East Indies, recently sent home some photographs of himself and Howard Freeman. Says they are stationed near each other.

Somewhere in Italy

Services for Service Men, Dear Editor:

I have been on the move since being overseas, so up until now it was difficult to answer my personal mail. This explains why I haven't written before, telling the chapter that I and also the other soldiers from home, appreciate the cards and letters mailed us. I hope your work continues and again I say that your efforts to cheer the boys over here shall be appreciated by all.

Sincerely,

Cpl. Arthur A. Blackwell,

Mrs. A. H. Gregory has sent us an interesting folder received from her son, Charles, concerning the second anniversary of the Navy Fighting ship upon which he is stationed. The ship has engaged in all types of naval combat. She has steamed in pursuit of the Japanese a total of nearly 200,000 miles. She and her planes have shot down a total of 1454 enemy aircraft, destroyed another 560 on the ground, and have sunk or damanged a total of over 1,000,000 tons of shipping, including major combat vessels. From Tarawa in the east and Kiska in the south, her planes have been in the forefront of those driving the enemy back from lines of defense. The second anniversary was observed on the ship with a special dinner, and Charles sent along the menu, which included turkey and was topped off with cigars and cigarettes.

Pfc. Harry W. Jarrell is home on a 21-day furlough from the Aleutian Islands, and will be stationed at Camp Swift, Texas for awhile.

Mrs. E. O. Jarrell has received a letter from her son, Sgt. Wesley O. Jarrell, saying that is somewhere in France.

Walnut Ridge, Ark. (Special to Times-Virginian)- Private First Class Jerald J. Childers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H.Childers, Rou'e 3, Appomattox, Va., is presently stationed at the U. S. Marine Corps air facility here. This base is used for training pilots in actual combat tactics under simulated battle conditions. Pfc. Childers enlisted in the Marine Corps on November 4, 1943 at Richmond, Va.

Pvt. Murrell Ferguson will leave Saturday for Los Angeles, California, after spending a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Ferguson. Pvt. Ferguson has been stationed at Fort McClellan Alabama. He was a pleasant visitor in the Times-Virginian office yesterday. He states that Mickey Rooney was stationed at Fort McClellan while he was there and he saw him in the camp canteen. Murrell is looking swell and has added twenty pounds in weight.

Robert Beard, of the U. S. Navy, and his wife spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Beard.

APPOMATTOX NURSE PRAISES SPIRIT OF BATTLE VETERANS

The 117th General Hospital, England (Special to the Times -Virginian)- Second Lieutenant Nannie S. Chilton, of Appomattox, Virginia, who has one brother and three sisters in the service, is a charge nurse of a medical ward in this United States Army general hospital in England. Most of her patients are battle casualties.

"I am glad to have a part in the recovery of these men," said Lt. Chilton. "Their morale is extremely high no matter what they have been through and they are very cooperative. Each one is interested in the recovery of the other fellows."

Lt. Chilton trained at the Virginia Baptist Hospital and then joined the staff of Duke Hospital in Durham, North Carolina, until she accepted her commission in the Army Nurse Course in August, 1942. Her brother, Firs. Lieutenant William C. Chilton, Jr., who is in the Medical Corps, is serving in Belgium. Her three sisters in the service are: Second Lieutenant Anne Chilton, an Army Nurse in France; Pharmacist's Mate Lois Chilton, WAVES, stationed in Maryland; and Private Harriett Chilton, WAC, in the Pacific theater. Her parents Mr. and Mrs. William C. Chilton, live in Appomattox County.

The following Appomattox County men were inducted into the service January 23:

Oscar T. Whitten
Embro P. Davis
Bernace R. Moore
Wesley M. Powell
John B. Oxford
Leslie L. Webber
Hal Bryant, Jr.
Rolf J. Arrington
Frank A. Torrence
Milton S. Martin
Joel D. Dickerson.

Also Claiborne Inge, who volunteered for immediate induction when he went to Richmond for preinduction physical examination.

Sgt. Pool Lieon was recently promoted from the rank of Corporal. He is stationed in Italy. Pfc. Harmon Ligon is stationed at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, and Sgt. "Chuck" Ligon is in the South Pacific. They are sons of Peter Ligon.

Mrs. Thornton Carter, Jr., has been notified that her husband has arrived safely overseas. He is stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, and says hat he likes it fine.

J. D. Ferguson, U. S. Navy, stationed at Camp Pearry, spent the week-end here with his mother, Mrs. S. L. Ferguson.

Pvt. Daniel Hamilton, of Fort Meade, Md. is spending a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hamilton.

Randolph Evans, S 1-C, has returned to his base after spending a furlough at Evergreen.

"BROWNOUT" EFFECT VE FEBRUARY 1ST

A brief memorandum, calling for voluntary curtailment of all unnecessary lighting in all areas where the electricity used is manufactured by coal, has gone out to the mayors of all cities and towns in Virginia from John J. Howard, co-ordinator of civilian defense and director of conservation of solid fuels for Virginia.

Japanese boast that they have ample manpower reserves.

Georgia repeals poll tax.

Democratic senators hold caucus this morning on Wallace nomination.

U. S. fleet in Subic Bay.

Local Students Discuss American Public Issues

The Senior Civics classes of the Appomattox High School have been discussing problems of national interest. Enthusiastic debates and discussions have taken place on the following subjects: (1) National Service Act; (2) Drafting of nurses; (3) Raising Congressmen's pay and (4)The removal of Jesse Jones.

The majority favored the drafting of manpower. They main ained that this is a war for civilians as well as for servicemen. Millions of lives could be saved by putting men into essential industries to provide needed equipment. One debator said, "Take away the people from the soft drink plants all over the United States and tell them to make shells to fill an American's empty gun overseas, instead of a cheap drink to fills bottle for a slacker over here." The Navy and Army high commands advocate the civilian draft.

The opposing side argued that an act of this kind, even if operated successfully, might in the end do more harm than good, in terms of national unity. The general inacceptability of the plan to the American was brought out, too.

The statement that nurses should be drafted met with stronger opposition than did the question of drafting manpower. There are no nurses to draft, the shortage of nurses may be settled better on a volunteer basis; the number of girls in the nursing profession would be decreased; these were some of the arguments used by the negative side. The stand taken by the other side was: the nurses have had a chance to volunteer, but they have'nt; we must uphold our medical standards at all cost, the immediate need for nurses is urgent.

The class as a whole felt that the Congressmen's pay should not be raised; however, a stiff argument was put up by those, who for the sake of debate, declared that the pay should be raised. The affirmative side said that it would be a method of getting better members in Congress and that Congressmen must maintain a high standard of living. The negative speakers said that if a serviceman can fight for $54 a month the Congressmen should be satisfied with $10,000 a year, and too, the national debt would be greatly increased.

Through discussion on the Jones removal and Wallace appointment the class decided that the quarrel only served to lower the public's opinion of both men.

All students participated in these debates and discussions.It was found that they inspired the students to take more interest in current affairs and the right to voice an opinion.

—Merle Guill,
Ca herine Godsey.

Lespedeza to Be Distributed

Richmond, Jan. 31- Shipments are expected shortly on orders for 39,000 pounds of seed of three species of lespedeza which are to be used in this year's plantings for the improvement of game habitat throughout the state, the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries reported today.

Of the perennial varieties of the plant, 15,000 pounds of serica and 4,000 pounds of sikoh lespedeza seed will be dis ributed and planted under supervision of the Soil Conservation Districts Service in the 70 counties which are members. Under this system, with the game commission furnishing the seed,permanent field borders have been plan ed for the last four years and this year's planting will add approximately 215 miles of permanent borders, a rod in width to the many miles which already have been planted.

The distribution of 20,000 pounds of the Korean, or annual, lespedeza seed though the local game wardens is a new projec this year, financed from funds provided under the Pittman-Robertson Act. These seed will be sent to the wardens, 200 pounds to the county, and the farmers who desire 20 pounds may get the seed from the wardens to be planted on gullied and gullied areas and other submarginal land unsuited to agriculture.

Read the Classified Column.

Bring your country produce to Appomattox.

LATE WAR NEWS

The Russians are at the Oder River, 41 miles east of Berlin. This river has been crossed to the southeast. Panic is spreading in Berlin and other parts of Germany, with refugees blocking roads, and order giving way to riots and the breakdown of supply.

American troops are within twenty miles of Manilla, and are meeting only light opposition.

The southern three-quarters of be Western front is ablaze with the beginning of an offensive. Gen. Eisenhower may be beginning his "final push."

The meeting between Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill may be announced at any moment.

Red Cross to Have Rally on February 13th

Arrangements have been made by Rev. H. Frederick Jones, chairman of the 1945 War Fund Drive for the American Red Cross, for holding a rally of the membership of the Appomattox County Chapter, at the court house on February 13, at 8:00 o clock P. M.

Major Noel Adams, the Post Chaplain at Camp Pickett, will be the principal speaker; and will be followed by a short address by Hall L. Swenson, director of Red Cross in Army Posts in Australia from 1943-1944, at Sydney and other places. "In his military relations with the enlisted men, Mr. Swenson rendered invaluable assistance," Major Bolton Pierce, U. S. Infantry, said.

Major Noel Adams has recently returned from the front lines,where he served on the staff of General Patton, in Africa, and Italy. He is recommended as a forceful speaker and good story teller, in narrating his experiences with our armed forces in the thick of the most bitter fighting.

All members of the executive board, members of the local chapter, former workers in the solicitation campaigns, and the interested public are invited to attend this rally, and hear first-hand from our youth in the armed forces on the front line of our far-flung battle fields.

Appomattox County Lauded

Richmond, Va., Jan. 29.- (Special to Times-Virginian) The people of Appomattox County today received the official thanks of Governor Colgate W. Darden, Jr. for their splendid showing in the recent Virginia War Fund campaign in this area, and citations for Meritorious Service were awarded C. T. Moses, C. H. Robinson and W. M. Abbitt for work in the campaign.Garland Gray, District War Fund Campaign chairman, also congratula ed the local chairman and his organization.

MUSIC HONOR ROLL

Miss Kate Franklin has announced the following honor roll for the month of January in her music class. Joan Harvey, Betsy Ferguson, Mary Ann Ramsey, Nancy Ferguson, Terry Ferguson, Joan Catlett, Patricia Alvis, Walter Dresser, Mackie McCormick, Mary Ellen Moore, Virginia Herndon, Margery Godsey, Rebecca Babcock, Joyce Wingfield.

GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Garden Club will meet Friday, February 9, in the teachers' lounge of the school cafeteria. Miss Harriett Holley and Mrs. J. C. Caldwell are joint hostesses. Mrs. R. W. Stanley is program leader. Topic: old and in-existing china. Exhibit: arrangements in china pitchers; year book covers and topic exhibits.

Farm transporta ion is likely to be one of the farmer's serious problems in 1945, the War Food Administration said. Both motor truck and automobile replacements have been extremely small since 1941.

Mite of Dimes drives is getting good results.

Farm Outlook For 1945 is Explained

During the 1945 crop year it is expected that American farmers will obtain approximately the same amount of new farm machinery and attachments as they did in the previous year and nearly $20,000,000 more in repair parts, the Office of War Information said today in a report on farm machinery production and distribution. The supply probably will not meet greatly expanded demands.

Data for the comprehensive report were supplied by the War Food Administration, War Production Board, Bureau of Agricultural Economics and the Foreign Economics Administra ion.

Highlights of the report follow:

1. Approximately 90 per cent of the new farm machines (except tractors) rolling off assembly lines in the United S ates during the 1945 production year (July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945) will be available to American farmers.

Approximately 10 per cent will go abroad- approximately 1 per cent in commercial exports, and 3 per cent through Lend-Lease, according to the Foreign Economic Administration.

2. For the 1945 production year, farm machinery companies have scheduled slightly more production in dollar value - a total of $697,000,000- of new machines, repair parts and attachments for domestic and foreign use than they had in 1944, WPB reported.

The 1945 production program is divided as follows: $455,000,000 for new machines; $204,000,000 for repair parts and $38,000,000 for attachments.

3. As long as the war continues, farmers will not be able to buy as much new farm machinery as they will need in order to maintain their facilities at greatest efficiency, the War Food Administration reported.

WFA said that in 1945 supplies of new farm machinery, even if manufacturing schedules are met, will not meet essential demands. No more new tractors, side delivery rakes, combines or other haying and harvesting machinery will be available during the 1945 crop year than were available during the 1944 crop year.

Because emphasis is on military production, no action has been taken on the supplementary farm machinery production as submitted by WFA to meet farm machinery needs that have developed among American farmers at the present production schedules were set.

Current problems of farm machinery manufacture are indicated by the fact that for the first quarter of the 1945 production year (July, August and September, 1944) production of new farm machinery, exclusive of wheel tractors, repair parts and attachments, was approximately 25 per cent behind schedule, according to the War Production Board.

This lag in production was caused by manpower shortages and the difficulty in obtaining components, chiefly malleable and gray iron castings. In the Middle West, where the bulk of the American farm machines are made, the labor supply is very inadequate and is likely to remain so while urgent war production continues, WPB said.

4. Production of new farm machinery units is now at an annual volume that approximates that of 1941, the largest pre-war production year.

American farmers are making greater use of individual farm machines during the war. The exchange and cooperative use of some machines, such as tractors and combines, has increased markedly.

The custom use (operating for hire) of other farm machinery, especially combines, corn pickers and windrow pick-up balers, also has increased.

More intensive use of existing farm machinery is one factor that has helped to increase wartime food production in the United States.The food output reached an all-time high in 1944. More than one-third more food was produced during 1944 than in the pre-war period of 1935-39, although farmers were handicapped by shortages of farm machinery and labor, the War Food Administration reported.

The mechanization of American farms has increased since 1941 despite the curtailed production of farm machines. The number of certain key machines on farms has increased. Among them, however, are machines that have passed their normal period of usefulness and would have been disposed of by farmers except for wartime conditions.